Practice: 629 - Waste Treatment

Scenario: #1 - Litter Windrow Pasteurization

Scenario Description:

This practice scenario includes the in house windrowing of poultry litter to promote pasteurization between flocks. The purpose of the practice is to address resource concerns related to water quality degradation due to (excess nutrient and pathogens) and air quality impacts (PM & PM precursors, and objectionable odors).

Associated practices: Amendments for Treatment of Agricultural Waste (591), Waste Storage Facility (313), & Nutrient Management (590)

Before Situation:

A poultry operation typically removes part of the litter and bedding between flocks, called a cakeout. A full cleanout of litter and bedding is typically done once every 1-3 years depending on the operation. Over time, the accumulation of poultry waste in the litter contributes to an increase in odors and high ammonia emissions in the house contribute to impacts on bird health.

After Situation:

This scenario assumes 4 flocks per year in an operation with 2 - 42 x 500 square foot houses. Three (3) in-house pasteurization events will be performed annually. There will be a full cleanout after the 4th flock.

Formula to calculate the total number of pasteurization events per year on a 1000 SF basis:
(Square Feet of house) / 1000 SF X (Number of houses) X (Number of pasteurization events) = Number of 1000SF.
21,000 SF / 1000 SF X 2 houses X 3 events = 126 units of 1000SF

In house pasteurization of poultry litter is achieved by windrowing the litter in the house. The process takes approximately one week. This process successfully addresses the air quality impacts (ammonia emissions, PM and PM precursors) and bird health resource concerns. This process also improves the quality of poultry litter that must be spread on farmland. Bird health is improved and bird mortality is reduced.

Scenario Feature Measure: Surface Area of housing floor windrowed per year in 1000 SF

Scenario Unit: 1000 Square Feet

Scenario Typical Size: 126

Scenario Cost: $5,022.84 **Scenario Cost/Unit:** $39.86

Cost Details (by category):

Component Name	ID	Component Description	Unit	Price ($/unit)	Quantity	Cost
Equipment/Installation						
Tractor, agricultural, 120 HP	962	Agricultural tractor with horsepower range of 90 to 140. Equipment and power unit costs. Labor not included.	Hour	$53.37	66	$3,522.42
Aerator Attachment, 8", PTO	1707	Aerator attachment for mounting to tractor and PTO, 8" diameter. Equipment cost only with out tractor. Brown Bear R24C-8' or equivalent	Hour	$9.05	30	$271.50
Labor						
Equipment Operators, Light	232	Includes: Skid Steer Loaders, Hydraulic Excavators <50 HP, Trenchers <12", Ag Equipment <150 HP, Pickup Trucks, Forklifts, Mulchers	Hour	$18.62	66	$1,228.92